WADCO NEWS

WHITING & DAVIS CO. — THE HOME OF MESH BAGS

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GROUP OF REPAIR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

The Repair Department

Although the repair department is part of Whiting & Davis Co., it is really a little factory by itself. When they moved from the main factory in February, there was a great deal of work to be done, but with each department fully equipped and with our capable foreman, Arthur Boehnke, the work was soon caught up and now the repairs are in only a short time when they are sent back in A1 condition.

Ed. Corrigan has charge of the coloring room, while Henry Curran and John Boucher are his assistants. Bernard Kohler is still in the lacquering room and Jesse Jillson, the polisher. Percy Rhodes and Frank Martin are well able to handle all the bench work. But we would never be able to get along without our errand boy, Ralph Spinney.

And last, but not least, are all the (pretty?) girls, shown in the above picture, and with their forelady, Anna Reynolds, they all do their part to make the repair department the best in this part of the country. At least we think so.

Mr. Hartman sure is funny,
And he knows it too,
For when it comes to mocking things,
He's right there with the Que.

Factory Restaurant Well Patronized

Our Restaurant was opened April 28th, 1920, and has now been in operation nearly fourteen months with an average daily attendance of one hundred. This is very gratifying to Chef Olsen, as he says, the more the merrier. He is never so happy as when he runs over his regular quota for then you see him at his best.

The restaurant is a place where an employee may enjoy one of Chef Olsen's dinners amid the cleanest surroundings. If he prefers he may order anything on the bill-of-fare for which a charge is made accordingly. It is not necessary to have the full course if one is not so disposed. The line is drawn on sandwiches; none of these are served, as it is the aim of Mr. Whiting to supply hot dinners only. Chef Olsen wishes it clearly understood that if at any time a patron should care for more bread and butter with his meal or an extra cup of coffee, the same will be gladly served without extra charge, for this restaurant is not run for profit and as long as it is self-sustaining the management feel gratified. To create a home-like atmosphere for those not able to go home for dinner, ever with the thought of serving the best the market affords other than the cheap is their aim.

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A Trip into Old Mexico

Cont'd By WALTER RICE

I have always thought that New England had the world beaten when it came to stone walls; but, outside of San Luis Potosi I saw stone walls that would have put our New England forefathers to shame. There were miles and miles of wall extending in straight lines across the mesa as far as you could see; oftentimes right up the sides and over the tops of steep mountains, fencing in one ranch from another.

It made one wonder (as our New England walls often make us wonder) how the owners ever came to spend the time and money to fence in so many miles of land of such doubtful value; but peon labor is cheap in Mexico and stone is abundant.

As most of our journey from San Luis Potosi to Mexico City was under cover of darkness, little can be said of the character of that part of the country, except that it was very mountainous, extremely rugged and barren.

We climbed up over the mountainous grades until we were ten thousand feet above sea level, and then made a descent of twenty-five hundred feet into Mexico City, where we arrived the morning of Saturday, March 19th, one week out of Boston.

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$25.00 in Gold to Winner

We desire to adopt a new trademark to be used in our coming advertising plan, which will be quite extensive. Our advertising agents are working on a design, but we may be able to create one in our own factory which would be better than anything they can suggest. We want to incorporate the full name, Whiting & Davis Co. in this design, and for a design that we accept we will pay $25.00 to the designer. Date closes June 20th.

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EDITORIAL

Cheer up. Better times are coming. Don't forget to smile.

CO-OPERATION IN BUSINESS

One of the managers of Sears, Roebuck & Co., has requested us to send the name and address of each and every employee, so they may be sure and receive one of their latest catalogues. They also ask that our employees suggest names. If any employee desires to submit full names and addresses to us, we shall be glad to forward them to Sears, Roebuck & Co.

THE ADVENT OF FANCY MESH

Fashion decrees that fringe, tassels and embroidery are just now the proper things with which to adorn Milady's costume. In keeping with this decree our mesh bags have, figuratively speaking, taken Dame Fashion by the hand.

There is an exceptionally good cartoonist in the factory. It takes but a few moments spare time. We would appreciate her kindness greatly, in offering a few cartoons.

In nature nothing can be given, all things are sold.

If you've got to say mean things, go down in the cellar and talk to yourself.

Honestly, now, do you deserve Miss Fortune, or misfortune?

Lose your temper, and sooner or later you'll lose your job.

It's better to be in love with your work than in love with yourself.

Don't be impatient. The biggest jobs in America are nearly all held by men over forty-five, most of them by men over fifty.

CANADA

The above picture gives only a fair idea of our Canadian branch. Many have heard about there being a branch in Canada and we hope in the near future to tell you of some interesting things relative to it, provided Mr. Cook will take up his pen on behalf of Wadco News.

BRADSTREET'S STAPLE PRICES

The Bradstreet average for June 1 compares as follows with preceding months and years:

June 1, 1921	$10.6169
May 1, 1921	10 8208
Apr. 1, 1921	11 3749
Mar. 1, 1921	11 8650
Feb. 1, 1921	12.3689
Jan. 1, 1921	12 6631
Dec. 1, 1920	13 6263
Nov. 1, 1920	15 6750
Oct 1, 1920	16 9094
Sep. 1, 1920	17 9746
Aug. 1, 1920	18 8273
July 1, 1920	19.3523
Feb. 1, 1920*	20 8690

*Highest for the period

June 1, 1920	$19 8752
June 1, 1919	18.0900
June 1, 1918	18 9818
June 1, 1917	15 4680
June 1, 1916	11 6887
June 1, 1915	9 7428
June 1, 1914	8 6220
June 1, 1913	9 0721
June 1, 1912	9.1017
June 1, 1911	8 5291
June 1, 1910	8 9107
June 1, 1909	8 8970
June 1, 1908	7 7227

The groups that make up the index number compare as follows with the preceding month and with the highest month of 1920:

	June 1, 1921	May 1, 1921	Feb 1, 1920
Breadstuffs	$0.1437	$0.1343	$0 2257
Live stock	.3899	.4185	.6610
Provisions	2 7256	2.8566	4.4093
Fruits	.3635	.3635	.4806
Hides and leather	1 4600	1.4600	2.7709
Textiles	2.6135	2 6928	7.1913
Metals	.6460	.6469	1.0714
Coal and coke	0139	.0139	0130
Oils	.4798	.4355	1.0875
Naval stores	.0941	.1041	.3272
Building materials	.1791	.1778	.2370
Chemicals & drugs	1 0719	1.0694	1.1855
Miscellaneous	.4303	.4475	1.2185
Total	$10 6169	$10.8208	$20.8690

The Whiting & Davis Ball Team has now captured three straight games. Keep it up; this is good work. We have an exceptionally strong batting team. It is only in the field that a little weakness is shown. The players lack unity as yet and there is too much individual playing. For conspicuous playing, watch Harold Jelly.

TEN COMANDMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

1. Be an optimist. Confidence is infectious.
2. Make few promises. Keep every promise made.
3. Every question has two sides. Always hear both.
4. Study your men. Put each where he can do his best work.
5. Never show discouragement. A stout heart will never say die.
6. Don't hold spite. Correct when necessary, but forgive afterward.
7. Notice good work as well as bad. Give both credit, and blame justly.
8. Be fair. A foreman often has to act as judge, and therefore must be just.
9. Control yourself. Anger is too valuable to use except on special occasions.
10. Take your full share of the blame. Sharing both blame and praise with workers is a big part of the secret of managing men.

—Exchange.

"IT IS NOT EASY."

To apologize,
To begin over,
To be unselfish,
To take advice,
To admit error,
To face a sneer,
To be charitable,
To keep on trying,
To be considerate,
To avoid mistakes,
To endure success,
To keep out of the rut,
To profit by mistakes,
To think and then act,
To forgive and forget,
To make the best out of little,
To subdue an unruly temper,
To maintain a high standard,
To shoulder a deserved blame,
To recognize the silver lining,
BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS.

Morgan: Hey! Thompson, what kind of a board is "fine board"?

Thompson: "Saw-dust" of course. That's as fine as you can get board.

SALESMEN CAMPAIGN TO CUT HOTEL RATES AND HARDWARE MEN LAUNCH FIGHT

Launched simultaneously from the offices of the National Wholesale Jewelers' Association and the National Hardware Association of the United States, a vigorous campaign has just been started to reduce hotel rates throughout the country.

Circular letters and printed statements are being sent to all members of the National Wholesale Jewellers' Association, and the active co-operation of all members for a revision of hotel rates is solicited. The letter refers to the difficulties involved in obtaining higher margin of profit and sets forth the fact that under present conditions, including keen competition, "profit margins are narrowing." A saving in expenses, therefore, is pointed out as the best way of increasing profits. Among the various "expense" headings which could stand downward revision the salesmen's travelling expenses loom large in the mind of the association.

You cannot do wrong without suffering wrong.

HEALTH TALKS

Mumps (epidemic parotitis) is an acute infectious disease characterized by fever and by swelling and tenderness of the salivary glands, (glands that secrete saliva) usually of the parotids near the ear) but sometimes of the submaxillary (beneath the lower jaw) and sublingual (beneath the tongue).

The period of incubation is long usually—from two to three weeks. Infection is by direct contact with a patient having the disease.

Complications. Otitis media (inflammation of the middle ear) meningitis arthritis (inflammation of the joints) and albuminuria have occurred during or following the attack.

Management. Isolation, rest in bed, liquid diet and hot and cold applications for the relief of pain are usual means. Acid and highly seasoned food should be avoided.

When you notice any of the symptoms above mentioned, notify your physician. Take proper care of yourself and do not expose others to the disease.

By BERTHA G. COTE,
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Mexico City has a population of 1,000,000 people. It is situated in a giant basin 7500 feet above sea level, surrounded by lofty mountains. From it can be seen on a clear day the volcanoes, Ixtaccihuatl; (pronounced Ees-la-see-wal) and the more famous Popocatepetl. Both are about forty miles distant in a southeasterly direction from Mexico City. The name Ixtaccihuatl means "Sleeping Lady", given it because its snow capped summit so closely resembles a beautiful white lady's profile, lying wrapped in a white shroud. Ixtaccihuatl is 17,000 ft. high; Popocatepetl 17,500 ft. high and is the only active volcano of the two. We could see the smoke and steam gracefully curling up from its crater though we were so many miles away.

We found Mexico City a delightful surprise. Most of us imagined that with its ten years of revolution, we would find the capital city considerably "run down at the heels", so to speak. Especially so when we recalled the character and policies of many of the political parties who have been in power since the Diaz regime. However, this was not the case. The streets were very well kept and the residences generally in excellent condition, many of them as elegant as any in our larger cities. The public buildings, too, showed no signs of neglect in their up-keep. Many of them are of rare beauty. The new Theatre Nacional or National Theatre, just being completed by the government at a cost of $6,000,000, is a gem. It is an architectural masterpiece of white marble. While we as a party were not allowed to explore its interior on account of its semi-finished condition, two members gained admittance through a bit of convincing. From them we learned that the interior is beautiful and the furnishings elegant.

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There is seating capacity for 146 at the 36 tables and on rainy days there are few empty chairs. Chef Olsen says they will come on good days and partake of his menu.

Mr. Olsen was born in Thondjem, Norway, and came to this country in 1902, working in the Relay House in Nahant, Mass., and Phillips Academy, Andover, for seven years, where he took care of 700 students, among them Archie Roosevelt, who was a personal friend. It was his custom to go into the college kitchen to chat with the chef.

The chef has two very capable assistants who are with him throughout the day. Mary McDonald, for years employed at the Wamsutta Hotel, and Annie Bialas who came from Braintree. At noon more help is required to serve the food.

The good will of the employees is absolutely eessential for the chef's success. so he extends to all an invitation to get acquainted. Tell him if you are dissatisfied and he will endeavor to make it right.

Some bass Byron Gardner caught at Lake Pearl last week. He wouldn't say how much it weighed, but he said it lowered the lake three inches when he pulled it out.

MIDDLEBORO NEWS

We read that of all the failures recorded in 1920, 84 per cent. were of firms which did not advertise. We all sincerely hope that these new styles of mesh bags are "well advertised!"

Upon asking Gilda if she gave her dog any exercise, she immediately replied, "Oh, sure, he goes for a tramp about every day."

Mrs. Baker firmly believes that many are dressed, but few are clothed.

Editor Rowan and J. O. Gagnon
By a clever ruse,
Skipped away from Plainville,
And came scarching here for news.

They interviewed the correspondent,
And to her great delight
Appointed an assistant
Who knows just what to write.

Our benches: so convenient,
Took them by surprise,
And the carefree, happy workers
Made them open wide their eyes.

And when the smiling Editor
In a manner light and gay,
Suggested taking pictures
We could not tell him "nay."

The sun was shining brightly,
With many a joke and smile
They coaxed us to be seated
And look pleasant for awhile.

We protestingly submitted
And let them write our name,
Tho' to waste the time and film
We know it was a shame.

For a thoughtful glance convinced us
That their efforts were in vain,
And they'd carry back no pictures
Their stories to sustain.

Compensation

How many realize the meaning of Compensation in its defined sense? Many there are who look on Compensation or Pay as it is commonly called as something received for the work that we do whether it be in the shop, office or in our outside lives as an off-setting against labor performed.

How well has our labor been done?
Have we given good measure?
Are we satisfied with the result?
And are we willing to subscribe to it?

Can we at the end of the day, and do we, look into the portals of our inner self satisfied with what we have rendered to those who compensate us?

These are some of the questions we should continually ask ourselves if we are to succeed.

It is a well known fact that there is always two sides to a question. Now the pendulum of the clock swings no farther to the one side than to the other, so can we expect to be paid or compensated, if you will, for the work we have done. Do not think for one instant when time is wasted that it is paid for only by those who employ you. You yourself must pay, someway, somehow, if not at present, then in the future for it is a law of nature and one of her greatest, "As ye give so shall ye receive."

SOME AD!

Recently there appeared in a country weekly the following advertisement:

"If John Jones, who deserted his wife and baby some twenty years ago, will return, the said baby will knock the stuffing out of him."

I have decided that I want a bicycle. If you know of a bargain, you will be doing a kindness by informing Hattie Coombs.

Elsie and Cora have now turned to the Banana Trees as the Orange Groves proved unsuccessful.

Any man who drives an auto to the shop and is not able to put it in its proper place in the parking grounds ought to have his license revoked.

We all wonder why Dot Staples takes such good care of her eye-brows.

Bill Sweet is so bothered by daisies that we are afraid he will have hay-fever.

Arthur Plante is thinking of having a governor put on his car.

There is a man in Helen's room,
He surely likes the girls;
He likes Brunettes and Blondes,
He likes the ones with curls.

Jennie is so charming,
Isabel is too;
I know he'd be so lonesome,
If they should both get through.

He does make eyes at Elsie
It makes us wonder, too;
Still we know it's better
To be happy than be blue.

We know his disposition,
And we're all glad to say
He has a smile to greet us
Every single day.

BLUING STEEL BY HEAT TREATMENT

Polished steel can be given a blue color by heating in hot sand, wood ashes or pulverized charcoal. Place the substance in an iron receptacle and stir constantly while heating in order to heat uniformly. Heat just hot enough to char a pine stick. The parts to be blued must be absolutely free from grease. They are placed in the heated substance until the desired color is obtained. Further coloring is then checked by immersing in oil. Small parts are sometimes heated by a Bunsen burner or by laying upon a heated plate. For a light-blue color, heat in sand or wood ashes, and for a dark blue, use pulverized charcoal. The quality of the color depends largely upon the fineness of the finish.

Still another method of coloring by heat is to immerse the parts in a molten bath of potassium nitrate.

START SOMETHING.

She: "Do you want to start the victrola?"

He: "Why?"

She: "It's about time you started something."

To Esther and Augustine:
The birds are humming,
"Go feather your nest."

Why does Mildred D— Sigh
and cry over her—Burns?

Mildren Schwing is not a champion bread maker, but is an artist at golf-playing. Only last week she lost eleven balls and declares that nearly all her week's pay is spent in replacing them.

You never have to see Madeline Doran coming, you can always hear her whistle first.

Dan Quirk has a steady job every night after five o'clock hooking rides on trucks to Wrentham for a couple of girls and himself. How about it, Dan?

What do Maybelle and Lillian care for the rain and sleet—when they can vamp all the truck drivers and get rides home every night of the week.

HOW THE DIFFERENT GIRLS KISS

"Mildred Miller" bows her stately head,
And fixes her stylish lips.
In a firm hard way—and let's 'em go,
And sips, and sips, and sips.

"Rose Boyle" has a way of her own,
In a clinging soulful way,
She takes a kiss that's just as big,
As a wagon load of hay.

"Elsie Proul" gets a grip on herself,
And carefully takes off her hat.
Then grabs the man in a frenzied way,
Like a terrier grabs a rat.

"Diana Ireland" takes off her specs.
So cool—so cold—so glum.
She sticks out her lips like an open book,
And keeps on chewing gum.

"Mabel Ingals" never says a word,
She's so gentle—timid and tame.
But she grabs a young man by the back of the neck,
And gets there, just the same.

—Ed., U. Kation.